

(c) a compensator, located between said wire grid polarization beamsplitter and said reflective liquid crystal device, for conditioning oblique and skew rays of said modulated beam; and

wherein the sub-wavelength wires on said wire grid polarization beamsplitter face said reflective liquid crystal device.

56. (New) The system of claim 55 wherein said compensator comprises one or more birefringent layers, wherein said birefringent layers comprise at least one of the following; an A-plate film, a C-plate film, or a biaxial film.

57. (New) The A-plate according to claim 56 wherein the optical axis of said A-plate is substantially parallel to the sub-wavelength wires of said wire grid polarization beamsplitter.

58. (New) The A-plate according to claim 56 wherein the optical axis of said A-plate is substantially perpendicular to the sub-wavelength wires of said wire grid polarization beamsplitter.

59. (New) The modulation optical system of claim 55 wherein said reflective liquid crystal device has a vertically aligned construction.

60. (New) The compensator of claim 55 which modifies polarization states of the oblique and skew rays relative to said wire grid polarization beamsplitter, or said reflective liquid crystal device, or both.

61. (New) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the sub-wavelength wires of said wire grid polarization beamsplitter face towards said reflective liquid crystal device.

62. (New) The system of claim 13 wherein the sub-wavelength wires of said wire grid polarization beamsplitter face towards said reflective liquid crystal device.

63. (New) The system of claim 19 wherein the sub-wavelength wires of said wire grid polarization beamsplitter face towards said reflective liquid crystal device.

64. (New) The apparatus of claim 33 wherein the sub-wavelength wires of said wire grid polarization beamsplitter face towards said reflective liquid crystal device.

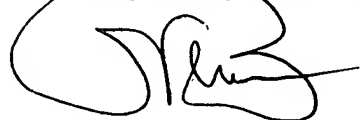
65. (New) The apparatus of claim 39 wherein the sub-wavelength wires of said wire grid polarization beamsplitter face towards said reflective liquid crystal device.

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66. (New) The apparatus of claim 44 wherein the sub-wavelength wires of said wire grid polarization beamsplitter face towards said reflective liquid crystal device.

67. (New) The apparatus of claim 51 wherein the sub-wavelength wires of said wire grid polarization beamsplitter face towards said reflective liquid crystal device.

68. (New) The apparatus of claim 52 wherein the sub-wavelength wires of said wire grid polarization beamsplitter face towards said spatial light modulator.

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